

CITY OF MESA
HUMAN RELATIONS ADVISORY BOARD (HRAB)
October 22, 2014 Action Results

The Human Relations Advisory Board (HRAB) of the City of Mesa met on October 22nd, 2014,
at 6:00pm in the Lower Level, City Council Chambers, 57 E. First Street.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Denise Heap, Chair
Mark Tompert, Vice Chair
Cheryl Anderson
Colleen Byron
Frank Johnson
Tony Liuzzo
Talmage Pearce
Lu Ann Schmidt
Nadia Taylor

MEMBERS ABSENT

Karen Frias-Long
Cliff Moon

STAFF PRESENT

Andrea Alicoate
Sharon Burlingame
Ruth Giese
Kelly Gregan
Dave Hager
Debbie Spinner
Karen Stegenga
Ray Villa

GUESTS

Delbert Heap
Jackie Heap
Mayor John Giles
Emily Johnson
Councilmember Dennis
Kavanaugh
David Martinez II

1. Chair's Call to Order.

Ms. Heap began the meeting at 6:03pm.

2. Items from Citizens Present.*

There were no citizens who requested to speak.

3. Welcoming remarks from Mayor John Giles.

Mayor Giles and Councilmember Dennis Kavanaugh thanked the board for their continued commitment to Mesa and for their yearlong work on the Inclusion & Diversity report.

4. Approval of minutes from the September 24th, 2014 meeting.

A motion was made by Dr. Liuzzo to approve the September 24th, 2014 meeting minutes, Ms. Schmidt seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

5. Hear an update from the City Attorney regarding the Open Meeting Law and Conflicts of Interest Law.

Discussion only; no formal action taken by the Board.

6. Discuss and take action on Mesa Police Department Report.

- Report on police related incidents and activities.

Discussion only; no formal action taken by the Board.

- Updates and scheduling of upcoming Police Advisory Board meetings.

Discussion only; no formal action taken by the Board.

7. Hear a presentation and discuss a program related to how to 'Become an Alzheimer's Aware Business' and Dementia-Friendly Community.

Discussion only; no formal action taken by the Board.

*Supporting data is available for public review in the Diversity and Neighborhood Outreach Office,
20 E. Main St., Suite 250, Mesa, Arizona 85211-1466 (480) 644-5034*

8. Hear, discuss and take action on the Mesa Speaks, Mesa Listens: Inclusion & Diversity Report.

While under the meeting facilitation of Mr. Tompert, Ms. Heap made a motion for the following amendments to the draft report:

On page 34, item C: add 'for example' within the parenthesis.

On page 35, first bullet point under section B to read: Develop a branding campaign similar to the award winning Safe Space Project of the University of Washington. The program would serve as a means to identify support for inclusion on the part of residents and businesses.

On page 35, first bullet under section C to read: Create a City Advisory Board to assess the needs, make recommendations, monitor ADA compliance, and educate residents and businesses about those with physical, mental, emotional, and developmental disabilities.

On page 35, add another bullet point to section C to read: Support the 'Alzheimer's' Aware' and Dementia Friendly Community.

On page 36, first bullet under section E to read: Create a City Non-Discrimination Ordinance in housing, employment, and public accommodations which provides protection on the basis of ethnicity, age, race, sex, gender, national origin, religious belief, sexual orientation or perception, gender identity, genetic information, veteran or military status, marital or familial status, or disability.

Ms. Anderson and Ms. Schmidt seconded the motion in unison. The motion moved unanimously.

9. Hear, discuss, and take action on items presented by the Ad Hoc Youth Diversity Education Team.

- Provide an update on expanding youth involvement with the Community Cinema Series.

Discussion only; no formal action taken by the Board.

- Provide an update on Diversity Youth Survey in order to explore ways to connect with youth and educate them on diversity related issues.

Discussion only; no formal action taken by the Board.

- MLK Committee's Youth Leadership Development Conference.

Discussion only; no formal action taken by the Board.

10. Hear, and discuss on items presented by the Ad Hoc Disabilities Action Team.

- Provide an update on transportation services for people with disabilities including reviewing a quarterly report and annual report on East Valley Dial-A-Ride.

Discussion only; no formal action taken by the Board.

- Provide an update on the educational awareness campaign related to service animals and ADA regulations for businesses.

Ms. Heap made a motion to approve the final ADA Business Compliance Guide, Mr. Tompert seconded the motion at the same time. The motion moved unanimously.

- Provide an update on town hall meetings to educate the community, business, and leadership on mental health and substance abuse issues.

Discussion only; no formal action taken by the Board.

- Provide an update on the need for and feasibility of creating a Psychiatric Recovery Center in the East Valley.

Discussion only; no formal action taken by the Board.

- Provide an update on the ways to evaluate the adequacy of services and programs for people with disabilities and the implementation of ADA.

Discussion only; no formal action taken by the Board.

11. Hear, discuss and take action on conferences and/or meetings.

- Community Cinema Series- Evolution of a Criminal, November 6th at 6pm, Dobson Ranch Library.

Discussion only; no formal action taken by the Board.

12. Discuss and take action on scheduling of meetings, future agenda items, and general information.

- Next meeting will be held on November 19th, 2014.

13. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 7:39pm.

Submitted By:



Ruth Giese,
Diversity Program Administrator